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2025 Annual Report



Hopeful Hearts is a nonprofit charity run by local Chinese and expatriate volunteers. We aim to raise awareness and funds to provide life-saving heart surgeries for children from low-income Chinese families.



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PREFACE BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear supporters and friends of Hopeful Hearts, It has been another successful year for our charity, dedicated to supporting children with heart conditions and their families. Through our collective efforts, we were able to provide financial assistance to 16 children and their families, making a meaningful difference in their lives—alleviating the burden of medical expenses, offering emotional comfort, and giving these young hearts a chance to thrive without the weight of uncertainty.

We organized activities that brought supporters and friends together. We participated in numerous other wonderful events throughout the year, raising both funds and awareness for our cause. From community fairs to corporate partnerships, each event served as a reminder of the incredible community we are fortunate to be part of. One of the highlighted event was the First Aid Class led by Dr Wang Xifu from Guangzhou 1st People's Hospital, a leading emergency physician in China that has 2.5 million followers on social media cross platforms. Participants received both theoretical knowledge and practical hands-on practices, the atmosphere was focused and supportive.

A sincere expression of gratitude is extended to the Amity Foundation our umbrella organization. They work tirelessly to ensure an accurate

accounting of our funds, careful expenditure, and the maintenance of positive relationships with our partner hospitals. Their expertise, attention to detail, and unwavering support have been instrumental in our success; we value their experience deeply and are grateful for their guidance that help us operate more effectively and responsibly.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, donors, and partners. Our volunteers give their time selflessly, from organizing events to supporting families through difficult times; our donors open their hearts and wallets, knowing their contributions directly impact a child's life; our partners stand with us, sharing our commitment to creating a world where every child with a heart condition can live a healthy, happy life. Your kindness and commitment continue to inspire us, and we are deeply thankful for your support.

Together, we have achieved so much, but there is still much to do. Every day, there are more children and families facing the challenges of heart conditions, and we remain steadfast in our mission to stand beside them. As we move forward, we are more motivated than ever to expand our reach, enhance our support programs, and continue making a difference for those in need!

Tian Liu
Acting chair



WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE WORK

How Hopeful Hearts started

In November 2002, two ladies in Nanjing found an abandoned baby on the side of the road, at the base of a tree. They named him “Loetje”. Despite their efforts to save his life, it was discovered that Loetje had been born with a congenital heart defect and sadly he did not survive. Hopeful Hearts was founded in his memory, to help save other children like Loetje.

Three regional teams

After starting in 2003 in Nanjing, Hopeful Hearts created a second team in Chengdu in 2006. In 2012 Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou started. Across the 3 regional teams, Hopeful Hearts has now supported over 900 cases. Over 200 of these cases were supported with funds raised by the Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou team.

Relevance of the work of Hopeful Hearts in 2025

After 20 years, Hopeful Hearts' work remains very relevant. Although most Chinese children have basic health insurance nowadays, unfortunately, this still doesn't apply to all. And even for those who are insured, usually only a part of the cost is covered. A heart surgery can cost 50,000 to 200,000 RMB, depending on the specific heart defect. In case of a slow recovery or complications after surgery, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) costs are added. The basic health insurance covers 30–70% of the costs, depending on the patient's place of residence. If the family's insurance is from outside of Guangdong Province, a lower percentage of the surgery costs are covered. This means that families with a low income are faced with high costs when having a child in need of heart surgery.

There is not much time for the families to raise funds. Many of the cases we receive are critical by the time they reach us, and surgery is often arranged within days. We hear moving stories of families in need, with a low monthly income, multiple health issues, or disabilities in the family. They are desperate to save their children but are often in debt that will take a lifetime to repay. Hopeful Hearts is happy to be able to ease the stress and financial burden of these families a little.



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Partnerships with Specialized Hospitals

We have partnerships with several hospitals in Guangzhou and receive cases from for example the Guangdong Women and Children's Hospital Panyu branch and the Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital, all specialist in cardiac surgery. When it is found by the hospital that the family of a pediatric patient cannot afford the cost of surgery, the hospital staff will suggest they apply for financial assistance. In this case, Hopeful Hearts may be able to help.



Member of the Amity Foundation

Hopeful Hearts is legally incorporated under the umbrella of Amity Foundation (www.amity.org.cn). They manage our bank account, ensure legal compliance and interface with our partner hospitals.



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Our Program

01

Referral

Partner hospital refers a case application to the "Hopeful Hearts Project" of The Amity Foundation.

02

Review

The Amity Foundation reviews the application and issues a preliminary funding intention to the Hopeful Hearts team.

03

Notification

If the team of Hopeful Hearts and The Amity Foundation have no objections, the hospital is promptly notified.

04

Treatment

The hospital arranges the child's surgical treatment.

05

Confirmation

After the child's discharge, the hospital reconfirms the funding amount with The Amity Foundation based on the final settlement.

06

Settlement

The Amity Foundation receives and verifies the project completion materials, then finalizes funding for the case with the hospital.



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Personal assessment of cases

Each application is carefully reviewed by the Hopeful Hearts project team to determine whether and to what extent we should fund the surgery. In this way, we decide exactly how our funds are spent. The whole process of evaluating applications for financial support is shown in the figure above.

Sources of income

Donations are our main source of revenue. We receive generous donations from international and local schools, community social groups, local businesses as well as individuals.



Transparent allocation of funds

If an organization supports us, we are able to specify exactly which cases it will have supported. This can be advertised within its network/community and gives a 'name and face' to donations.

Hopeful Hearts is committed to keeping costs to a minimum. Of all the funds raised by Hopeful Hearts, 3,85% is used to cover administration costs by the Amity Foundation. The other 96,15% is used solely for the medical and hospital costs of the children supported.

MEET OUR TEAM

Introducing the Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou team. The current Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou team has 11 team members, all volunteers, responsible for:

- Organizing and advertising fund raising events and activities
- Building and maintaining relationships with supporting partners
- Keep transparent records of donations

Together these volunteers are the driving force behind Hopeful Hearts to keep the young hearts beating.



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Acting Chairperson



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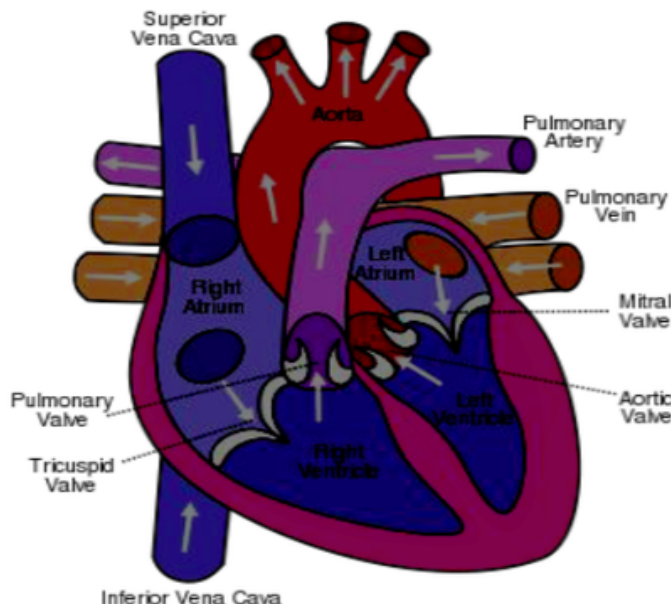
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EXPLAINING DIFFERENT KIND OF HEART DISEASES

When listing the diagnoses for our hospital cases (see page 10), we often use abbreviations of medical terminology. For your ease of reading this report, you can find a brief explanation of the meaning (to the best of our knowledge) of most abbreviations below.



CHD (Congenital Heart Disease)

Congenital, meaning present at birth, is an “umbrella”

term that can describe a number of different problems affecting the heart. It's the most common type of birth defect and is responsible for more deaths in the first year of life than any other birth defect. CHD is divided into two types: cyanotic and non-cyanotic. If the defect lowers the amount of oxygen in the blood that is pumped around the body, it is called cyanotic. If the defect doesn't affect the amount of oxygen, it is called non-cyanotic.

Non-Cyanotic:

□ **VSD** (Ventricular Septal Defect): VSD's are holes in the wall between the two ventricles. Blood from the left ventricle, which is the most powerful chamber of the heart, is pumped under high pressure across the VSD and into the lung. This results in the blood vessels of the lungs becoming thick walled and hard early in life. This condition is known as Pulmonary Hypertension (PH). If left untreated, the defect will eventually become inoperable.

□ **ASD** (Atrial Septal Defect): An ASD is a defect of the atria where the wall (septum) between the right and left atrium does not close. Before birth, this opening exists to allow blood to bypass the lungs. Normally the opening closes when the baby is born. If the opening remains, blood will continue to flow from the left to the right atria. This creates extra blood for the right side to pump and in time adds strain to the heart. Over time, an ASD that is left unrepaired can cause problems including an increased risk of stroke.

□ **PS** (Pulmonary Stenosis): Pulmonary means ‘lungs’ and stenosis means ‘narrowing’, therefore pulmonary stenosis describes a condition where the pulmonary valve is very narrow. When this happens the muscle of the right ventricle must work harder to pump the blood through the narrow valve. Depending on how narrow the valve is, a child may have no symptoms, may tire quickly, or even faint.

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Cyanotic:

□ **ToF** (Tetralogy of Fallot) or F4: ToF is a birth defect consisting of 4 abnormalities that results in insufficiently oxygenated blood being pumped through the body, which leads to a bluish-purple coloration to the skin and shortness of breath due to low oxygen levels in the blood. Symptoms may include a heart murmur, difficulty eating, lack of weight gain and retarded physical development.

□ **Transposition of the Great Arteries:** Transposition creates a situation where the oxygen-poor "blue" blood returning from the body to the right atrium and right ventricle is pumped out to the aorta and to the body, while the oxygen-rich "red" blood returning from the lungs to the left atrium and ventricle is sent back to the lungs via the pulmonary artery. Unless there is some place in the circulation where the oxygenated and un-oxygenated blood can mix, all the organs of the body will be deprived of necessary oxygen. Left untreated, soon the heart fails to keep up with the high blood flow and heart failure will occur.

□ **Ebstein's Anomaly:** Ebstein's refers to a heart valve that does not properly close. This syndrome also is commonly seen with **ASD**.

□ **PDA** (Patent Ductus Arteriosus): A fetus's blood does not need to go to the lungs to get oxygenated and the ductus arteriosus is a hole that allows the blood to skip the circulation to the lungs. When the baby is born, this hole is supposed to close. If it is still open the blood may skip this necessary step of circulation. The open hole is called the Patent Ductus Arteriosus.

□ **Heart Transplant:** A heart transplant replaces the patient's superior and inferior vena cavae, and dividing the left atrium, leaving the back wall of the left atrium with the pulmonary vein openings in place. The surgeon connects the donor heart by sewing together the recipient and donor vena cavae, aorta, pulmonary artery and left atrium. In patients with congenital heart disease, the surgeon may simultaneously transplant the lungs and the heart. The donor heart is matched to the recipient by blood type and body size. As the heart transplant recipient, one must take medications to prevent his or her immune system from rejecting the new heart. These drugs are called immunosuppressive medication. The medical team will balance the amount of immunosuppressive medication they need to prevent rejection of the new heart with the risk of side effects, which include infection or cancer.



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Supported Cases

Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou supported the treatment of 15 cases (8 boys and 7 girls). The details of all cases can be found on bottom. We supported 1 child from the Hopeful Hearts Chengdu team and 14 children in Guangzhou. It was an honor to support the other Hopeful Hearts branch in Chengdu. Our mutual support shows how connected we are and how dedicated we are to fighting together for a good cause.

Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou has supported over 248 children since our start in 2012. Together with the Nanjing team which started in 2003, and the Chengdu team which started in 2006, Hopeful Hearts has supported over 900 cases in China.

HOPEFUL HEARTS IN 2025						
No.	Name	Gender	Age	Diagnosis	Treating Hospital	Month
1	Pengzheng 鹏政	M	1M	CoA, VSD	Guangdong Women and Children's Hospital Panyu Branch	Dec-24
2	Lidong 李东	M	7Y	CoA repair, Post PAB, DORV repair	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	Dec-24
3	Jialong 佳龙	M	13Y	SV, Post BDG, AS	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	Jan-25
4	Shuran 书然	F	7M	VSD, ASD, PAH, Trisomy 21	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	Feb-25
5	Boming 博铭	M	5Y	VSD, Central ASD	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	Apr-25
6	Yilin 怡琳	F	6Y	VSD, PFO, PAH	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	Apr-25
7	Yue 悦	F	5Y	MVP, MR, TVP, TR	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	Apr-25
8	Sinuo 思诺	F	3Y	ASD, TR	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	Apr-25
9	Jingu 金古	F	10Y	AVSD, MR, Mitral Cleft, TR	Chengdu BOE Hospital	May-25
10	Yongzan 永赞	M	7M	VSD, PAH	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	May-25
11	Zhiyu 智宇	M	3Y	PAA, VSD	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	May-25
12	Jinming 锦铭	M	2M	APSD, VSD, Central ASD, PAH	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	Jun-25
13	Yan 演	F	4Y	VSD, ASD, MR, TR	Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital	Jul-25
14	Yichen 奕晨	M	2Y	VSD, AV Prolapse	Guangdong Women and Children's Hospital Panyu Branch	Sep-25
15	Yike 艺可	F	6M	TOF	Guangdong Women and Children's Hospital Panyu Branch	Oct-25

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Supported Cases Highlights

Each affected family has its own experiences in dealing with the disease. Behind every child is a story. We would like to share three stories:



Yike 6M Girl

Yike's family is from Guizhou, of Tujia ethnic minority group. Her heart condition was discovered during her mother's pregnancy, and she's the family's first child. Her father works in construction, income is low. Yike is recovering well after the surgery



Yan 4Y Girl

Yan's parents are divorced, her father is raising her and her older brother on his own. Yan's grandfather was diagnosed with liver cancer several years back which exhausted all the family saving. Her father is working as delivery person, income is unstable.



Jingu 10Y Girl

Jingu's family is from Sichuan Liangshan, the family is of Yi ethnic group. Jingu's father passed away in 2017, her mother is raising her and 4 other siblings on her own. The family is extremely poor, the mother has very little income from farming.

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Financial Overview and Analysis

The financial implications of the activities of Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou in 2025 are shown in the cash flow statement. Financially, 2025 turned out to be a solid year for HopefulHearts Guangzhou. A large part of the donations came from corporates and organizations. Furthermore, Hopeful Hearts organized small-scale events to generate funds for charity and also received donations from individual donors.

Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou finished the year on a good financial note, carrying forward 150,718.79 RMB to 2026.

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Net Assets Brought Forward from previous year	¥248,075.01	¥349,159.21	¥203,269.32	¥392,416.40
Revenue				
Case regulation				¥23,808.93
Events and Fundraising	¥18,238.05	¥26,989.61	¥65,630.38	¥72,123.00
Donations	¥109,216.80	¥207,745.25	¥235,308.37	¥126,870.26
Total Revenue	¥127,454.85	¥234,734.86	¥300,938.75	¥222,802.19
Expenses				
Events and Fundraising Expenses			¥2,330.00	¥22,307.40
Amity Administration Fees	¥4,906.90	¥9,028.26	¥15,311.34	¥3,141.87
Total Expenses	¥4,906.90	¥9,028.26	¥17,641.34	¥25,449.27
Surgery Costs	¥219,904.17	¥326,790.80	¥137,407.52	¥386,500.00
Total Expenditure	¥224,811.07	¥335,819.06	¥155,048.86	¥411,949.27
Net Assets Carried Forward	¥150,718.79	¥248,075.01	¥349,159.21	¥203,269.32

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Our Partners and Sponsors

Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou is very grateful to the following organizations and individuals for making donations or for offering other kinds of support to help our cause in 2025:



Significant Sponsors

- SGD Pharma
- British Chamber of Commerce
- Utahloy International School
- DB Cargo Transasia International Freight Forwarding(Shanghai) Co., Ltd
- Guangzhou First People's Hospital
- Cub Scouts & Pack 5858 AISG
- Amy&Ryan Alt
- Kate Hong
- Zhangping
- Cai Family
- UISG UtahFresh
- Utahloy Parent Teacher Association (UPTA)
- Parent Support Group of BSG (PSG)



Friends and Supporters

Bayer Guangzhou Academy, British School Guangzhou (BSG), American International School Guangzhou (AISG), Guangzhou Women's International Club(GWIC), Hotel Conrad, That's PRD, Canadian International School(CIS)

13factories, Gail's, Lilia Barbier Santos, Crown Plaza Guangzhou City Center, Hongdi Optical, Zhiyu Health Management, Lishu Cosmetics, Borgovivo China, SK Sharks, Laozong Tea, Soces Coffee, Ikal, 朱朱, Audrey Wu, Nanette Liu, Hannah Price, Nikita Lee, Leah Chapman, Laura Jirmann, Phoebe Zhang



and members from our helping hands team.

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Event Highlights



First Aid and CPR Training

This year's highlight was our training workshop at Guangzhou First People's Hospital, led by renowned Dr. Wang XiFu, whose Douyin health videos have inspired millions. Together, Dr. Li demonstrated lifesaving techniques in a lively, interactive session that made learning CPR accessible to everyone.

Impact GZ

Hopeful Hearts joined over 300 students, educators, and caregivers for hands-on service learning, design challenges, and journeys. We focused on sustainable health initiatives and how participation can strengthen partnerships and empower students for global impact.



British Day

Our charity made a vibrant impact at British Day at The Canton Place. We set up an engaging booth brimming with interactive games and charity merchandise, drawing families, expats, and locals to raise awareness and vital funds through sales and donations.

School Events

Throughout the year, Hopeful Hearts actively participates in numerous international school events, particularly with BSG, UISG and AISG. These collaborations amplify our mission by building community ties, and driving sustainable impact for local causes.



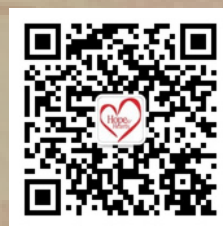
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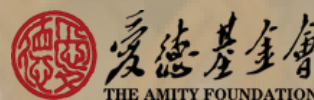
Contact Information

To find out more about the activities of Hopeful Hearts Guangzhou and the children we support, please follow our WeChat subscription account by scanning the QR code below, have a look at our website www.hopefulheartsgz.org or send an email to hopefulhearts.gz@yahoo.com.



For information of ways you can support

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Help Keep the Young Hearts Beating

